

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sashikanth Chandrasekaran, et al.

Serial No.: 09/872,891

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For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR
PREDICTING DATA CONFLICTS AND
GENERATING A LOAD DISTRIBUTION
PLAN IN A MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2157

Examiner: Gold, Avi M.

Confirmation No. 3158

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2008, and the Advisory Action, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks, and requests for reconsideration. This response is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE).

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